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## BARITE HILL PROJECT

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Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
South Carolina Department of  
Health and Environmental Control  
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Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Monitor wells N & O approval


Dear Mr. Knight:

The monitor wells approved by your May 26, 1992 letter were installed on January 16, 1992 under an approval issued by the Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management (Keisler 12/11/91). Attached is a copy of the report on the well installation. The surface cement pad was constructed as per your Conditions.


Water samples from the wells are being submitted under the conditions of our Ground Water Monitoring Plan.

Please contact me at 443-2222 if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Richard Dye, P.E.  
Project Manager

cc: Evelyn Lynge w/enc.

  
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Monitor Well Locations

SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATE PLANE COOR.

WELL	NORTH	EAST	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	ELEV.
L	319275.583	1617092.098	82° 17' 41"	33° 52' 15"	462.221
M	319764.974	1617456.274	82° 17' 36"	33° 52' 20"	486.715
N	318757.420	1616358.792	82° 17' 50"	33° 52' 11"	433.935
O	318758.548	1616704.178	82° 17' 51"	33° 52' 11"	442.445

**GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL INSTALLATION  
NEVADA GOLDFIELDS LANDFILL IWP-242  
MCCORMICK COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**SRK Project No. 14107  
January 1992**



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Consulting Engineers and Scientists

January 16, 1992  
SRK Job No. 14107

Nevada Goldfields, Inc.  
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Attention: Mr. Rick Dye

**RE: GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL INSTALLATION  
NEVADA GOLDFIELDS LANDFILL IWP-242  
MCCORMICK COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Dear Mr. Dye:

As authorized by your acceptance of our Proposal No. 1366 dated November 1991, Steffen Robertson and Kirsten (U.S.), Inc. (SRK) has completed the installation of the additional groundwater monitoring wells at the referenced site. This report describes the work performed and presents the results obtained, along with our comments and recommendations.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our professional services during this phase of the project. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments concerning this report.

Sincerely,

**STEFFEN ROBERTSON AND KIRSTEN (U.S.), INC.**

Joseph R. Grant, P.G.  
Project Manager

James R. Nehez, III, P.E.  
Senior Engineer/Branch Manager

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## 1.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

The project site is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the town of McCormick, South Carolina, and about 4 miles northeast of the South Carolina-Georgia border (Figure 1). The site is a mine and process facility which has been operating since January 1991.

Elevations in the project area range from 350 to 500-feet above sea level, and the general drainage is to the southwest into the Clarks Hill Reservoir.

The four groundwater monitoring wells were installed in the saprolite aquifer at the request of the State's regulatory agency overseeing the permitting process. No sampling or chemical analyses were included in this phase of the project.

## 2.0 FIELD EXPLORATION

On the morning of January 6, 1992, Steffen Robertson and Kirsten (U.S.), Inc. (SRK) and the drilling contractor mobilized their equipment to the site. The boring locations were selected by a representative of the Nevada Goldfields group and the site topography of the area (Figure 2). The borings were designated Wells L, M, N, and O. A South Carolina Registered Surveyor will locate the borings/wells and determine the elevation of each completed well.

### 2.1 Soil Test Borings

The four soil test borings were drilled using a truck-mounted drill rig employing hollow stem augers to advance the boreholes. Soil samples and penetration resistance were measured every five feet in general accordance with ASTM D-1586. This was done using a standard two inch split tube sampler.

Representative portions of the soil samples were classified by a geologist in the field. The sampling was discontinued after the installation of wells N and O when the field representative was informed that additional subsurface data was not necessary. Generally the borings encountered a red-orange silty clay of saprolitic origin to depths of approximately 4 to 6 feet below the surface. The returns from below this depth were powdered by the drilling technique but appeared to consist of material from a sericite schistosis rock. With the exception of slight changes in color and quartz content this material extended to the borings termination depth at approximately 25 feet below the surface. Test Boring Records showing soil descriptions and penetration resistances are included in the Appendix. In addition, the soil samples were field analyzed using a photoionization detector to indicate the relative amounts of volatile organics in the soil.

The above descriptions provide a general summary of the subsurface conditions encountered. The Test Boring Records in the Appendix contain detailed information recorded at each boring location. These records represent our interpretation of the field logs based on the examination of the samples by a geologist. The lines designating the interfaces between various strata represent approximate boundaries and the transition between strata may be gradual. In accordance with SRK's standard operating procedures and QA/QC plan, all down hole drilling and testing equipment was decontaminated prior to drilling each boring.

## 2.2 Monitoring Well Installation

Four groundwater wells were installed in the boreholes resulting from the subsurface exploration. The well locations for wells L, M, N, and O are shown on the attached Site Plan (Figure 2).

The wells consisted of two inch diameter, Schedule 40 PVC pipe with flush-threaded joints inserted into an eight inch diameter augured borehole. The bottom ten foot section of each well consisted of manufactured well screen with 0.010-inch slots. The screen was placed so that at the time of drilling, the water level was within the upper half of the screen. Washed sand backfill was placed around the outside of the pipe to approximately two feet above the top of the well screen. The sand backfill was used to stabilize the formation and to help yield a less turbid groundwater sample. A 15-inch thick bentonite seal was installed on top of the sand backfill to seal the monitoring well at the desired level. A small amount of water was introduced into each well at the time of construction to expand the bentonite. The remainder of the borehole was then grouted with a cement/bentonite mixture. The wells were secured with locking caps inside a steel security well cover.

The monitoring well installation records included in the Appendix illustrate the construction details for each well.



### 3.0 Conclusion

The objective of the project was the installation of four monitoring wells to specified depths of 25-feet at specified locations around the waste containment structure and pond being constructed. This objective has been achieved. However, it was noted that groundwater levels in the area are in excess of 70-feet below \* the surface. The borings did not encounter groundwater at the time of drilling and when checked for groundwater at a later date (January 14, 1992) only well N had any water present.

\* This is wrong, water levels in the area range from 3 to 40 Feet below the surface. Both wells N and O provide sufficient water for sampling.

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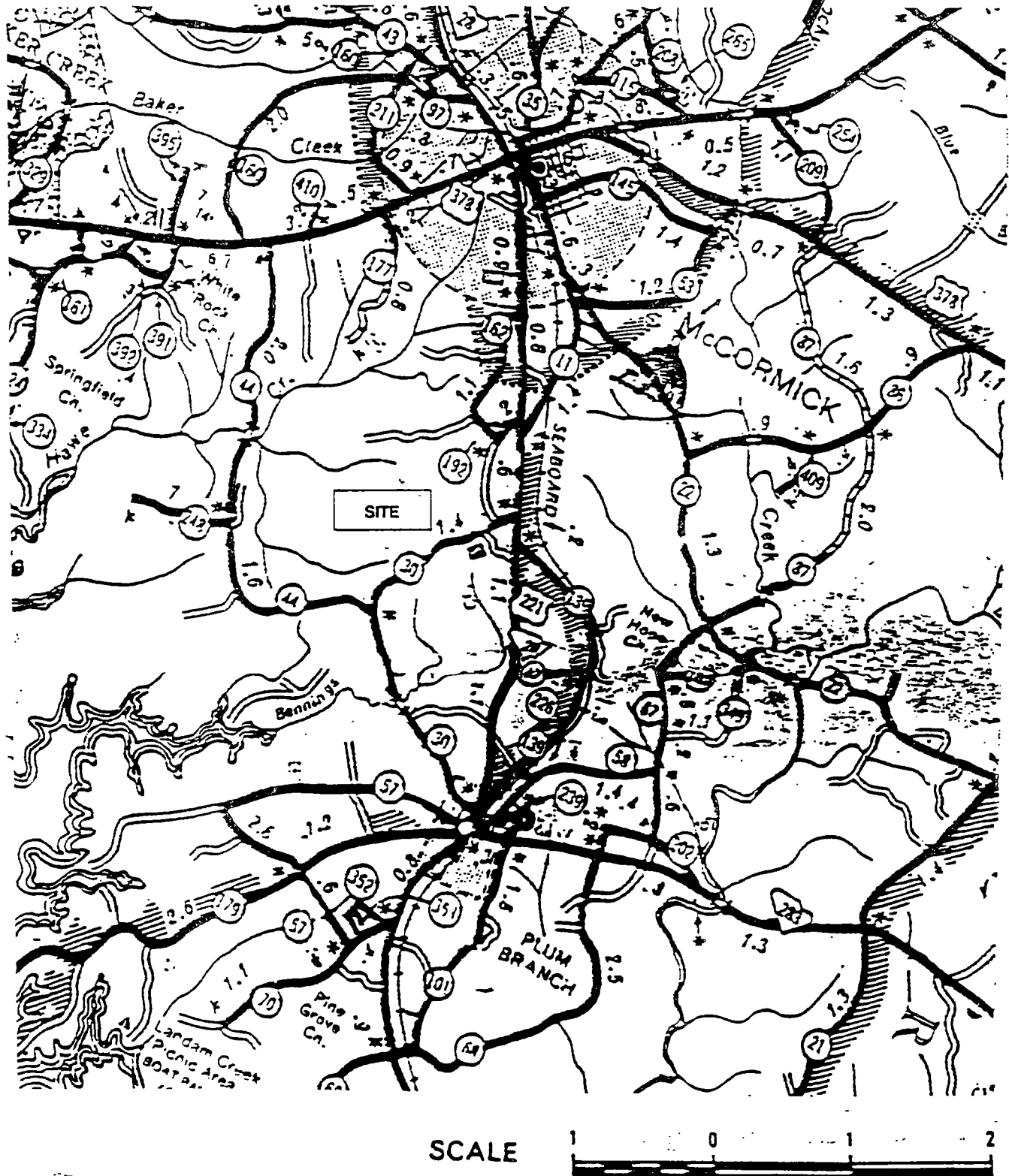


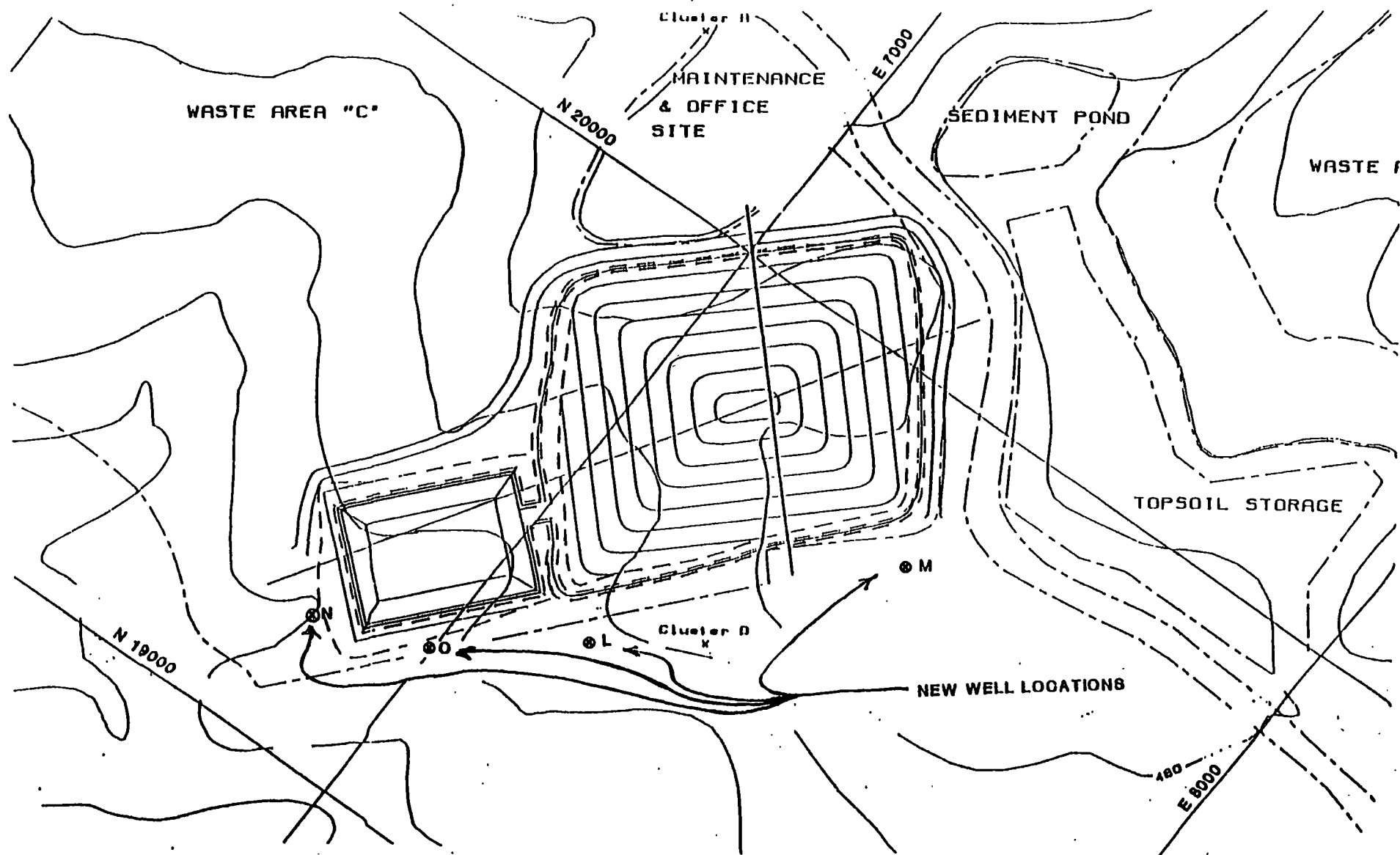
FIGURE 1

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**FIGURE - 2**

**MONITOR WELL LOCATIONS**



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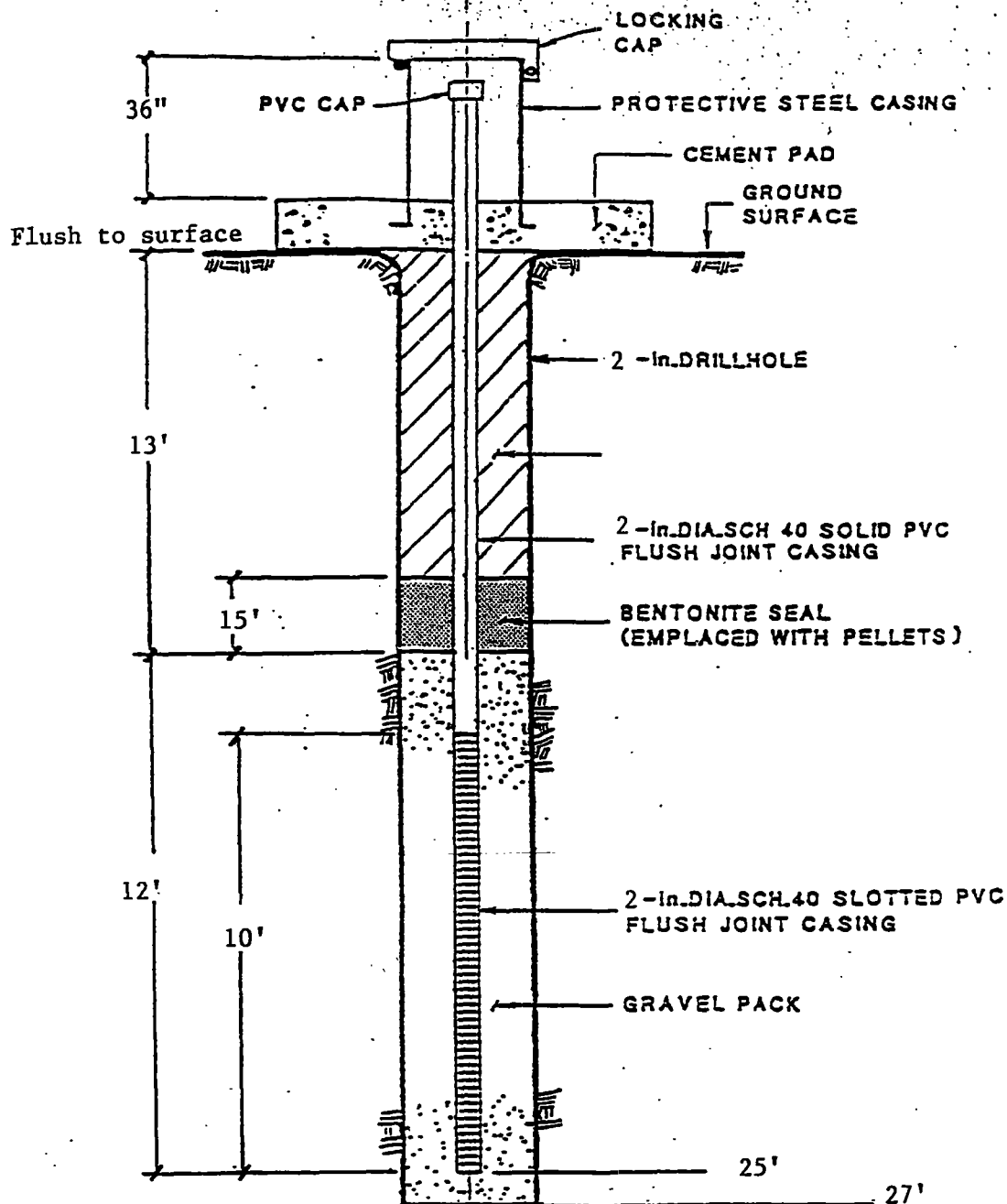
BOREHOLE  
Well - L  
INSPECTOR  
Grant  
SHEET OF

**LOCATION** Barite Hill Landfill Project, McCormick, South Carolina

COORDINATES N/A

### SURFACE ELEVATION

FEET (BLS)	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
5	Red orange silty clay of saprolitic origin (fill)	
10	Yellow orange silty clay with rock fragments of a sericite schist.	
15		
20		
25		
30	Boring terminated at 27' No groundwater encountered at time of boring.	



### MONITORING WELL

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**COMPLETION DIAGRAM FOR  
MONITORING WELL**

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**BOREHOLE**  
Well - M  
**INSPECTOR**  
Grant

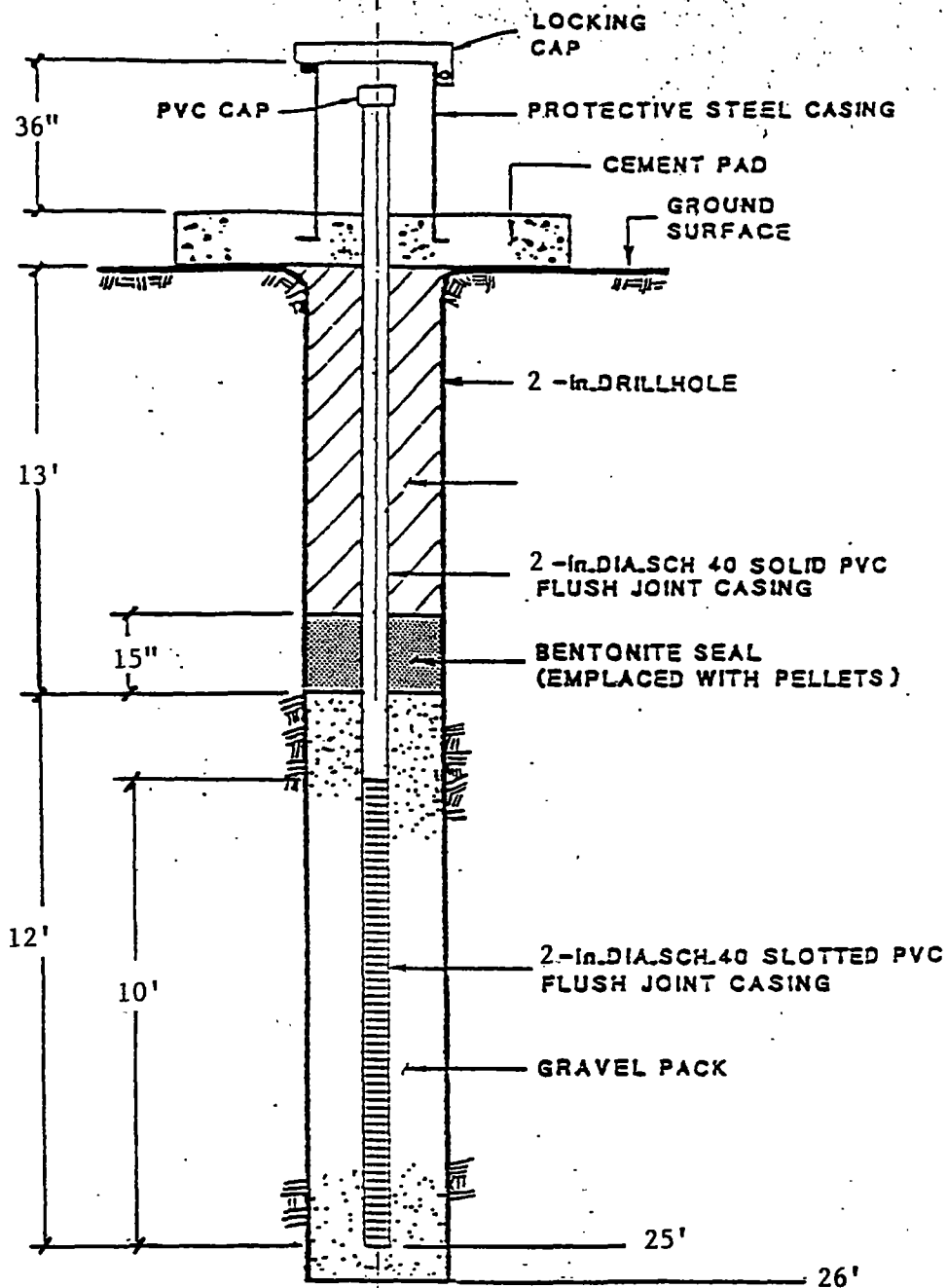
**SHEET OF**

**LOCATION** Barite Hill Landfill Project, McCormick, South Carolina.

COORDINATES N/A

## SURFACE ELEVATION

FEET (BLS)	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
5	Returns are red orange silty clay to sapro- lite origin.	
10	=====	
15	Returns are yellow green silt, no rock fragments apparent.	
20		
25	Boring terminated at 26'.	
30	No groundwater encountered at the time of boring.	



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COMPLETION DIAGRAM FOR  
MONITORING WELL

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BOREHOLE  
Well - N  
INSPECTOR  
Grant

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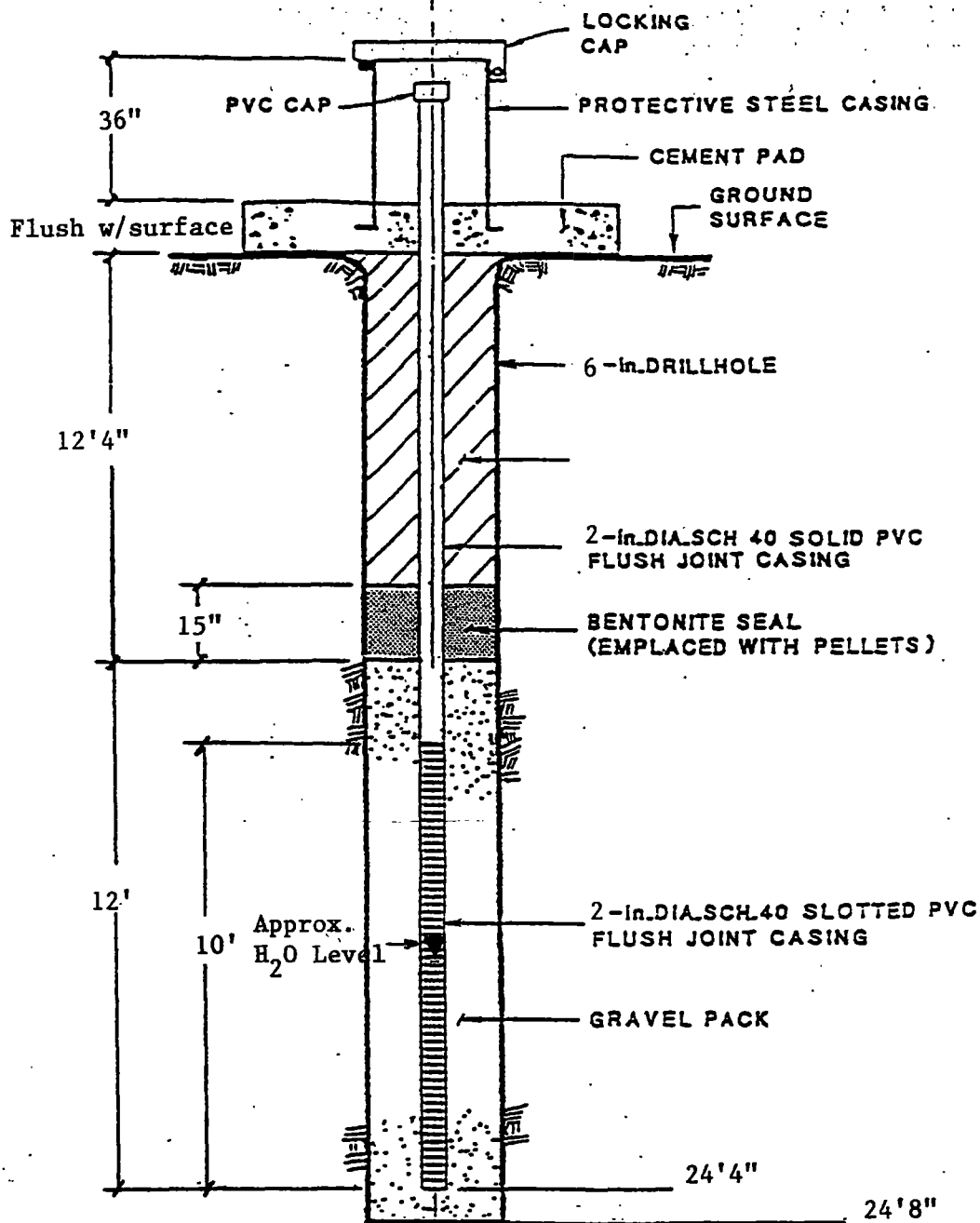
**LOCATION** Barite Hill Landfill Project, McCormick, South Carolina.

COORDINATES N/A

### SURFACE ELEVATION

FEET (BLS)	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
5	Grey orange silty clay with rock fragments of schist grading into a pale grey sericite schist.	
10		
15		
20		
25	Auger refusal on very competent rock, 24'8". Boring terminated.	
30	No groundwater encountered at time of boring.	





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COMPLETION DIAGRAM FOR  
MONITORING WELL

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**BOREHOLE**  
Well - 0  
**INSPECTOR**  
Grant

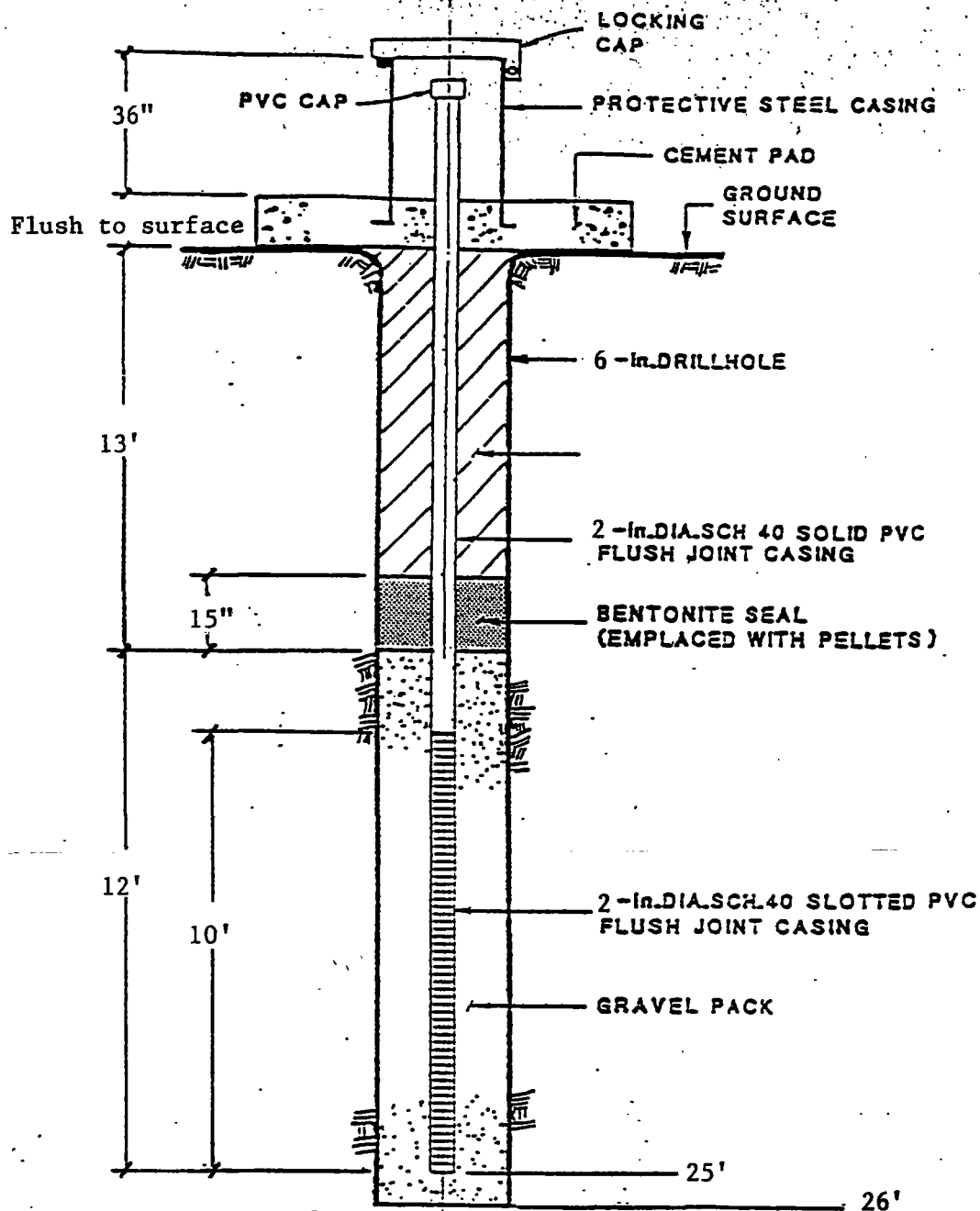
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**LOCATION** Barite Hill Landfill Project, McCormick, South Carolina

COORDINATES N/A

### SURFACE ELEVATION

FEET (BLS)	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
5	Yellow brown silty clay grading into a pale grey silt.	
10	(Silt is powdered returns of a sericite schist) with rock fragments of the same material.	
15		
20		
25	Boring terminated at 26'.	
30	No groundwater encountered at the time of boring.	



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